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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Astronaut Medical Benefits

1. Official NASA sources state that the medical benefits for military astronauts and their dependents are the same as for other assignments. Civilian astronauts receive full medical benefits for all illnesses and injuries that are mission related. This includes dental care. There are no medical benefits for injuries or illnesses that are not mission related. The dependents of civilian astronauts are entitled to out-patient care at Dr. Berry's dispensary. While this is an advantage to the recipient, it also serves the purpose of acquainting Dr. Berry with the family situation as it conceivably may influence a mission. The civilian dependents are not entitled to in-patient care.

2. It should be mentioned that NASA was advised that the foregoing information was for internal Agency use only.

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